

Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce 2008 calendar of Events

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There's never a shortage of things to do in the Mark Twain Lake area, thanks to a wide variety of special events and celebrations in the nearby rural communities.

From the highly successful Mark Twain Lake Rodeo (voted Missouri's best rodeo a number of times) to the nationally known Tom Sawyer Days in Hannibal, area celebrations have a little something for everyone.

For specific information on an event, contact the chamber of commerce in that community.

Here's a month-by-month listing of scheduled events in the Mark Twain Lake area.

April

April 18-20 – Sixth annual Just Girls Getaway Weekend in Hannibal. Shops, restaurants, and attractions all focus on women's interests.

April (TBA) – 50 Miles of Art Studio Tour. Drive along the mighty Mississippi on scenic Route 79 from Hannibal to Clarksville and visit the studios of some of Missouri's best-known artisans. Provides a unique, behind-the-scenes view into how their work is created.

May

May 2 – Miss Paris contest.

May 3 – Paris All-Town garage sales; Citywide Garage Sale in Monroe City; Farmers Market season opens at Hardin Park in Mexico, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

May 10 – Festival of the Arts/Epple Art Show at Missouri Military Academy in Mexico.

May (TBA) – Loafers Club Car Show in historic downtown Hannibal; Longbeard Turkey Federation annual banquet in Monroe City; Mississippi River Art Fair in Hannibal's Historic District, featuring works of 50 Midwest artists and artisans, food booths and entertainment.

June

June – Farmers' Market opens in Paris.

June (TBA) – New London Park Days on the courthouse square in New London. Features activities, pageants, entertainment and food booths. Youth Fiddle Camp in Bethel German Colony; Fiddle Festival in Bethel German Colony.; Tri-County Cruisers Car Show in Monroe City; Juneteenth Celebration features a basketball tournament, singing, music, performers, food and more.

June 4-7 – Miss Missouri Scholarship Pageant at Missouri Military Academy in Mexico.

June 16-20 – Monroe County 4-H Camp.

July

July (TBA) – Hunnewell Homecoming; Paris Area Chamber BBQ.

July 4-6 – Mark Twain Lake Rodeo at Warren G. See South Spillway Recreation Area. Bulls, bucking broncos, clowns, food and fireworks are part of this popular event.

July 3-5 – Annual National Tom Sawyer Days in downtown Hannibal. Join in activities as the fence painting, frog jumping, Tomboy Sawyer competition, Arts and Crafts Show, mud volleyball, bingo, live entertainment and more. A fireworks display is held at the riverfront. Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher are also selected. Also includes Hannibal Cannibal 10K Run.

July 5 – 13th annual Hannibal Cannibal 10K Run & 5 K Walk, sponsored by Hannibal Regional Hospital. Held during National Tom Sawyer Days.

July 10-13 – Mark Twain Old Threshers Show in Paris, featuring steam engines and antique machinery.

July 18-24 – Monroe County Fair in Paris.

July 20 – Swinkey Picnic at Indian Creek.

August

August (TBA) – Truck & Tractor Pull in Monroe City; Tri-County 4X4 Mud Run in Monroe City; Wild and Wacky Art Adventure art festival for children 3-12 in Hannibal

Labor Day weekend – Heritage Fall Festival in Bethel German Colony. Folk art demonstrations, activities, crafts, German food, entertainment and more.

August 9-10 - Florida Folklife Festival in Florida, Mo., from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. See the birthplace of Samuel Clemens come alive with 1800s crafts, singing, food and activities.

Thursdays in September – Sunset Festival on the Square in Mexico.

September

September (TBA) – Paris Area Chamber Rib Fest; 6th annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Mosswood Meadows in Monroe City.

Sept. 13 – Paris Area All-Town garage sales.

Sept. 28-30 – “A Walk Back in Time,” Audrain County Historical Society, in Mexico.

October

Oct. (TBA) – Halloween Campground at Mark Twain Lake; Citywide garage sale in Monroe City; Arts in the Park in Monroe City; Autumn Historic Folklife Festival. Artisans in period dress demonstrate lifestyles and crafts of the mid-1800s in Hannibal’s Historic District.

Oct. 4 – Fall In To Paris celebration.

Oct. 17-18 – Halloween Decorating at Indian Creek Campground at Mark Twain Lake.

November

November (TBA) – 50 Miles of Art Studio Tour. Drive along the mighty Mississippi on scenic Route 79 from Hannibal to Clarksville and visit the studios of some of Missouri’s best-known artisans. Provides a unique, behind-the-scenes view into how their work is created; Land of Mark Twain Bluegrass Festival in Hannibal. Lots of pickin’ and grinnin’. Talented people compete for the championships and provide Bluegrass demonstrations and entertainment.

Nov. 29 – Craft Show at Paris High School.

December

December (TBA) – Christmas in Bethel, a toast to German Christmas traditions; Christmas parade in Monroe City; Tour of Homes in Monroe City; Live Nativity scene in Monroe City; Tom and Huck Marble Show in Hannibal.

December 6 – Paris Area Chamber Christmas Is Caring Promotion and merchants’ promotions.

Dates to be announced for events in Perry – Fall Festival; Fall and Spring yard sale; Perry Time Was Festival; Perry Old Fashioned Christmas.

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